THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) There are 5 Akashwani Centres in Chhattisgarh State.

(b) One Akashwani Centre at Saraipalli is ready for commissioning. Another Akashwani Centre at Bijapur is envisaged to be set up during the Tenth Plan, subject to approval and availability of funds.

Setting-up of Censor Board for TV serials

515. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Censor Board for television serials considering that they are spoiling the minds of the youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All the programmes telecast on Doordarshan are previewed before telecast in accordance with the provisions of Doordarshan's Broadcast Code to ensure that they are suitable for family viewing.

As regards programmes of Satellite Channels, as per the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, programmes of such Channels, when transmitted through cable networks, are required to adhere to the prescribed Programme and Advertisement Codes.

Conversion of DD Metro Channel into Satellite Channel

516. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati proposes to convert its entertainment channel DD Metro into satellite channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;